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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 October 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10, 11, 13 and 14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10, 11, 13 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SI/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Applicant's response filed on 10/28/2008 has been fully considered.

Claim 14 has been added. Claims 10, 11 and 13 to 14 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 10-11, and 13- 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Babinec et al. (US.6, 380, 294) in view of Shimizu et al. (US. 5,700399).

Regarding claim 10, Babinec et al. teach a polyaniline- containing composition comprising polyaniline, a dopant, and inorganic compound (abstract) and water (col. 11: 15- col. 13: 40), wherein dopant is a polymer having an acid group such as phosphoric acid group, sulfonic acid group or carboxyl group (col. 13: 10- 20).

Regarding claim 11 and 13- 14, Babinec et al. teach the polyaniline - containing composition comprising from 0.01 to 99 percent by weight of the

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composition of one or more conductivity (abstract); including polyaniline (col. 11: 15- 67), and inorganic compound (col. 13: 34- 67), wherein the dopants can be in solid state (col. 12: 10- 15).

Babinec et al. do not teach the specific amount of the dopant, or emulsion polymers in the composition. However, Babinec et al. teach that amount of dopants are sufficient that the dopped polyaniline will reach the maximum conductivity (col. 12: 16- 30). Babinec et al. further teach the amount of dopant will not exceed amount of polyaniline that is need to be doped (col. 12: 25- 30). Thus, it is obvious that the amount of dopants would be optimized to fall in the range as set by the applicant because the amount of polyaniline is within the range as recited in the claim.

Babinec et al. do not teach the composition comprising surfactant. Shimizu et al. teach the composition comprising conductive polyaniline and surface active agent including polyoxyethylene polystyryl phenyl ether which has the HLB within the range as set by the applicant (col. 19: 13- 23). Babinec et al. and Shimizu et al are analogous arts because they are in the same field of endeavor, namely, conductive composition comprising aniline. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use polyoxyethylene polystyryl phenyl ether of Shimizu et al. in the teaching of Babinec et al.. The motivation would be to improve the conductivity property of the composition (Shimizu et al., col. 18: 40- 47).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 10- 12, and 13 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to THUY-AI N. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)270-3294. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. eastern time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Eashoo can be reached on 571-272-1197. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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